GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are incidents of illegal mining in various coal sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of illegal coal mining alongwith its market value;

(d) the details of people found guilty of illegal mining during the last three years; and

(e) the action taken against such guilty persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) Yes, Sir, illegal mining is carried out stealthily and clandestinely from abandoned/ closed/discussed mines/non-working part of mine or from outcrop regions in coalfield areas.

(b) Illegal mining is predominant in the eastern region particularly, in the State of Jharkhand, covering BCCL, CCL & ECL and in the State of West Bengal covering ECL and BCCL

(c) Since illegal mining is carried out stealthily and clandestinely it is not possible to have full details of such instances. However, on the basis of raids conducted by security personnel as well as joint raids with law and order authorities of the concerned State Government, the quantity of coal seized and its value during last three years is given below:

(d) and (e) According to the information available with the Coal companies, FIRs lodged and arrests made during last three years in case of illegal mining of coal are given below